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IT IS ORDERED as set forth below:

Date: November 19, 2020

Sage M. Sigler **U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge** 

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: CHAPTER 11

INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC CASE NO. 20-69479-SMS

DEBTOR.

## **ORDER DISMISSING CASE**

On October 14, 2020, the United States Trustee filed a Motion to Dismiss ("Motion") [Docket No. 9]. A telephonic hearing on the Motion to Dismiss was held on November 18, 2020. Shawna Staton appeared for the United States Trustee. No appearance was made by or on behalf of Debtor and the Motion to Dismiss was granted at the hearing.

The Motion is based upon the filing of this case *pro se* without an attorney.

Debtor in this case is an entity. Because Debtor is an entity, it cannot represent itself in this bankruptcy case. *Palazzo v. Gulf Oil Corp.*, 764 F.2d 1381, 1385 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 1058 (1986). ("The rule is well established that a corporation is an artificial entity that can act only through agents, cannot appear pro se, and must be represented by counsel.").

In her Motion, the United States Trustee points out that Debtor filed a previous chapter 11 bankruptcy *pro se* on March 3, 2020, case number 20-63869-SMS, which was dismissed for lack of counsel on April 2, 2020, and requests that Debtor be barred from filing another bankruptcy case for 180 days.

The record shows Debtor has not retained counsel. No response has been filed to the United States Trustee's Motion, no one has appeared in opposition to the Motion, and good cause exists for the Motion to be granted.

It is therefore

ORDERED that pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b), the motion is granted, and case no. 20-20-69479-SMS is dismissed. It is further ORDERED that pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §109(g), Debtor may not file another voluntary petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code for a period of 180 days from the date of entry of this Order.

## **END OF DOCUMENT**

Order prepared by:

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AND ALL PARTIES ON THE MAILING MATRIX IN THIS CASE